

Chapman will  
write to me some  
times (my friends)  
are about the same  
I shall not benefit  
from either she says  
to Miss West, for me  
as rarely together  
she never shows  
letter she receives  
from Emma  
how did not  
meet us. Love  
to her both the  
family.  
You most affect  
Margaret & John  
Dorothy & Alfred  
they will do as they  
like. I might as well say I had  
seen her then  
quite  
of the world you could be in Boston or there  
we could address you. Italy, Switzerland, Ger-  
many, France or America, seemed about equally  
likely to be your place of abode. Your last letter  
to us was dated Paris June (8<sup>th</sup> Sept 53).  
except one from Mrs Chapman <sup>from Switzerland</sup> when she  
was at Vevey, we have heard nothing from  
your family since you left Paris. Miss Pugh  
brought us the last accounts we have received  
of you. She wrote to Mrs Follen for your address  
she gave no definite intelligence. So we have  
directed papers to. To Messrs. Greene & Co. till further  
instructions. About a month ago we put up  
3 M. Advertisers & sent to Vevey, my Father directing  
one with his right hand, Aunt Emma another,  
& I a third, to show that we were together. Other-  
wise my Father was better. He has directed the Ad-  
vocate (I believe) for the same purpose. So you  
see we are not chargeable with forgetfulness of  
you. Dear Miss West you little know how  
much my heart has been with you, nor  
how often I have yearned for your compani-  
ship in both the joys & sorrows of life.

aspects of our recent life. I have thoroughly  
entered into your ceaseless calls for vigilance,  
for a similar vocation has <sup>almost</sup> become a second  
nature to me, (of late peculiarly so). I know  
how much wear & tear your mind you must have  
had & am thankful that it did not deprive  
you of the power of extracting enjoyment from  
your journeyings. It is a great comfort to hear  
of Mr Weston's amendment, & I trust your  
sister's will follow in due season & reward your  
assiduous watchfulness. It must have been  
a hard struggle to let your brother, who has so  
long been your special charge, go without you,  
but your decision to remain with the greatest  
involved seems so natural, that I feel assured  
it will be well with you all. My Aunt has  
undertaken to give you particulars of our  
respective conditions of health &c. &c. for which  
I am thankful, <sup>as</sup> I am almost crushed under  
the weight of correspondence, & tho' I seem to do  
nothing but scribble, every friend's letter comes  
in the strain of yours "It is so long since we heard  
we are quite anxious, do write at once &c. &c."  
Each day plunges me more hopelessly in debt  
than ever. Nuncy will perhaps say that I have  
just broached a threat of retreating for a season  
to a cold-water establishment! & that my father  
takes to the idea. I should be sorry for you to  
conjure up in consequence of this announcement  
the notion that I am in a particularly bad  
state of health with any fresh symptoms, <sup>of disease</sup> or

any very great aggravation of old ones. I  
really have less discomfort, and more to com-  
plain of than this time last year, when  
bad weather confined me to the house &  
made daily duties almost insupportable.  
The fact is that I had only a little strength  
to draw upon in the spring when my Father  
was taken ill, & that that has been drained  
to the last drop during my summer of  
unshared nursing & watching. I went on  
with my eyes open <sup>every day for three months</sup> overtaxing my powers,  
because they could not be dispensed with  
by my Father, & as he had to be tended all  
the day time I was reduced to sit up every  
night to keep down the accumulation of  
correspondence. I limited myself to business  
demands & have to this hour affectionate  
expressions of sympathy from three most  
intimate friends - formerly school fellows.  
<sup>brother</sup> Father <sup>often</sup> full of anxious inquiries for my Father  
written <sup>five</sup> months ago, which have only been  
acknowledged by deputy. Until the last few  
weeks my Father has not been independent  
enough for me to be at ease in seeming to  
have anything to do besides playing with  
him. You comprehend this sort of existence  
I know for you lived it last winter. And  
<sup>little Cataly</sup> no other playfellow turned up for him, & this

co-adjutor for me in writing &c. I have never before  
got thro' more than 350 epistles of various  
~~kinds~~ lengths & topics since my Father's  
kindness, so under these circumstances you  
will not wonder at my having somewhat  
exhausted my slender stock of mental &  
physical resources. At first sight it will  
appear strange in me to be able <sup>now</sup> to propose  
forsaking my Father, when one would fancy  
I must be so anxious as not to be content to  
have him half an hour out of my sight. But  
tho' I do gaze on him with wondering gratitude  
as he pursues his daily course of occupation  
& amusement, & as he extracts pleasure  
(<sup>else</sup> discipline) from everything about him &  
gives it to every child or grown person, or  
animal that crosses his path - tho' I feel  
half stupefied sometimes in trying to realize  
his happy state & wonder whether it is going  
to last & am prepared for his being again  
<sup>any moment</sup> struck down without further warning  
- in spite of all this I never felt less solicited  
of being personally present with him; for  
he never was less dependent on me, tho'  
it is never so easy to find a substitute  
for me. While he was able to work every letter  
that I could take off his hands or every person  
I could speak with, was so much relief, &  
unless I was at hand the whole burden fell  
upon him, no one but myself could act or

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in his name, & so long as he was at his  
post I felt mine was to take part in his  
duties if I could possibly hold on. Now he  
can do nothing in the way of writing or  
business & if I am out of the way the world  
will <sup>utterly</sup> learn to do without him, & things <sup>will</sup> cease  
to come before him which <sup>constantly</sup> will arise as  
long as I am at hand to be his mouth piece.  
Sitting in at home would be the greatest  
hazard for him, from the complicity of engage-  
ments it invariably brings to him, yet I  
think he would hardly have impulse to  
originate a removal during the winter  
season, whereas if I establish myself at a  
distance <sup>from Bristol</sup> it gives him a reason to be absent  
without precluding his return whenever  
he wishes. All this explanation is to pre-  
vent your being anxious about me when you  
hear of the pretext I have adopted for  
effectually breaking thro' a set of irksome  
& needless (as well as <sup>to my Father</sup> unsafe) occupations  
which will melt away & adjust themselves  
during our hibernation. The poor Cause  
I hope will do the same, but I cannot  
restrain a sigh of regret for its being  
destitute of the sort of help that our  
position fitted us to render & which no

else has yet been raised up to supply.  
You know we have had to do a kind of  
weaving together, hook & eyeing, cementing,  
business, introducing people to each other  
to American A.S. politics & putting things  
in train for others to carry on: now, since the  
"Uncle Sam" <sup>settlement</sup> & Mr. Howe's visit, & since Mr. Mc  
Kim's invaluable services in public & private  
a fresh band of co-adjutors have sprung up  
in several localities & they are on the increase.  
They want guiding & ignorant of the  
past history of the cause, they are forming  
A.S. Societies, some in the innocence of their  
hearts calling themselves Auxiliaries to the  
B.O.F. Ass., but with their faces in the right  
direction, catholic in spirit & true at heart.  
Mr. Mc Kim was the cause of some of these  
being started & could he have remained as  
many months as he did weeks in Gt. Britain  
I think by next summer there would have  
been some dozen strong <sup>so called</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>united</sup> in  
themselves & co-operating <sup>systematically</sup> with their  
brethren in other towns. But they are  
left with no one to look them up, or to guide  
their tottering steps, & they <sup>keep</sup> writing to us for  
guidance, for suggestions about their  
organization & their machinery & their  
courses &c. &c. Then Mr. Chapsow who in  
his arduous has plunged into a new

"Garrisonian" periodical at Manchester  
but who ever banon ~~this~~ his impetuosity  
makes ~~some~~ blunders is also constantly  
writing to solicit instruction & help to  
get him out of perplexities. <sup>& help him forward</sup> Mr Chamberlain  
writes to me very frequently. Frank &  
confiding letters, full of useful projects  
& of faith in his not being too much  
trammelled to carry these <sup>visions</sup> out. I try  
to encourage him with our sympathy  
in his aims, while attempting to dash his  
overwrought expectations of liberality &  
devotedness in his employers.) Then the  
Leeds people who are as busy as bees are  
always coming to us for facts & hints <sup>saying</sup>  
we hold the A.S. threads in our hands (they  
little know what a feeble grasp our united  
we is at present!) Then Mr Webb & the  
Associate are always demanding some-  
thing, & the Belfast, & Edinb<sup>g</sup>, & Glasgow,  
& Perth people, Mr Thapscott, & Mr Bishop  
& Mr. W. Brown, & a host more are <sup>never long without</sup> always  
plying us with inquiries. All <sup>these are</sup> very in-  
teresting & for the most part easy of pleasure  
to answer, but requiring half a dozen  
pens instead of one. Then our American  
correspondents are not less importunate

than some others, & as they don't commu-  
nicate much with each other there is  
no possibility of satisfying them. I have  
a letter of your sisters now nearly three  
months old which is unanswered, & a  
still more urgent one has just come fr  
W<sup>m</sup> May & some are on their road I know  
from Philadelphia. To what is to become  
of the Cause? It is on its account solely that  
I give you this catalogue. I believe you  
knew my sense of personal relations to  
it too well to accuse me of "magnifying an  
office." These things having fallen to our  
department is a mere accident, but my a-  
xiety is to make some provision for the  
gap being supplied now we must desist.  
Strange as it seems there is no one in all  
England to whom the duty can be transferred.  
It requires a close acquaintance & intercom-  
munication with the American workers to give that in-  
telligent direction which is lacking, & one  
a representative of the Am. Abol<sup>ts</sup>, with time  
devoted to the indispensable work of building  
trementing can I think do this. I fancy, th  
if W. W. Brown were invested with authority  
act as a sort of <sup>Secretary or</sup> Agent, so that we might refer  
enquiries to him it might do some thing.  
Mr Webb is too busy for this sort of correspon-  
dence. The conduct of the Cause as a popular movement,  
is by no means his forte. Miss  
remained great aid both by personal testin-  
ony taking the chief part of the Leeds, Dublin & Am  
correspondence off our hands. But

3/ There was more than could be accomplished. all  
the time she was with us. This my father was always  
writing when not necessarily engaged in professional  
duties pursuits, & I was busy too whenever indisposi-  
tion did not incapacitate me, <sup>Mr</sup> Miss Pugh did  
all that I have mentioned besides communica-  
ting with Mr<sup>s</sup> Solter, Mr<sup>s</sup> Reid, & preparing things  
for the Advocate, culling from the <sup>American</sup> papers, copying  
Dr. Dr., so you can judge how great is the present  
deficiency, when all these things are still in  
demand & a very wide field is open besides.  
I specify no wants without any expectation  
that you can supply them, <sup>but</sup> because you ought  
to know how we stand, & some bright idea of  
filling up the blank may strike Mr<sup>s</sup> Chapman  
& yourself which you can impart to your  
home correspondents! I have a letter on hand  
to Mr May, whom I want to put in possession of  
the same knowledge. There is a growing eagerness  
to hear lectures on Am. Slavery, & an increasing  
abhorrence of its clerical supporters, who are  
beginning to be detected in the midst of their disguise.  
(Dr Campbell is at his old work again, calling  
the Abol<sup>ts</sup> Sabbath breakers, "annihilators of the  
marriage tie" &c. &c. & patronizing F. Douglass &  
Miss Julia Griffiths.) Mr Cheson comes down  
upon him finely. The "infidel" cry is getting better  
understood & there is an increased desire for a  
free catholic unsectarian A.S. platform. Now  
was so good an opening for Mr Wendell Phillips

to come & saturate England with A.S. truth. Can  
you persuade him? Mr McKim seemed made  
for us; - from Edinburgh, Leeds, Perth, Belfast, Dublin  
Bridgewater &c. I have letters testifying to the value  
of his <sup>visit</sup> ~~visit~~. All speak of his candor, gentleness  
& forbearance combined with earnestness &  
firmness, of his compelling good will, "disentangling  
perplexities, commending the Cause by his  
personal weight, disarming prejudices &c. &c.  
Even Mrs A. Richardson could not pick a quarrel  
with him, tho' she kept to her creed & he to his. He  
has a way of saying the most home truths & pinning  
people down to their position & showing their fallacy  
without being offensive. He gives them no opportu-  
nity of flying off at a tangent. I only wish he could  
come again bringing his stock of experience & then  
ready made influence which would save us  
the need of going over the same ground or feeling  
his way, as is the case with a new comer. But  
must stop - you see I have resolutely refrained from  
sentiment, which would be dangerous territory. As  
will supply my ommissions in this quarter. She & I are just  
come together under very peculiar family circumstances  
which if I could talk with you I should love to get your  
sympathy in. And we are always referring to you as our  
wonder amidst the rusticities & antiquities of this agricul-  
tural district of Somersetshire. Lord Palmerston's letter  
about the fast & the Times comments are admirable  
in themselves, & as proofs of advancing <sup>not only</sup> liberality & kindness  
we are anxious to see how the subject will be taken up  
by the other ~~periodicals~~ journals secular & religious. I  
forgot to say that I met Mr Hope (when I was in Bristol  
for a couple of days) & he spoke with much pleasure of  
his meeting with you; he said he sent to the P. Office at 10  
on the day appointed for your despatches to us but found  
none. Let us have the sealed letters as soon as it is open  
I have words to move to say but must abstain. I hope I will

Miss Estlin

After all my Father's restrictions of space I find  
another sheet is admissible, so I can answer one  
or two of your queries; but this letter is only a  
stop-gap till there is time to luxuriate in fuller  
intercourse. We cannot give any intelligence  
as to Miss Pugh's movements. I wrote to her directly  
receiving your announcement of her being  
in London, & she sent an affectionate but  
hasty reply saying she sh<sup>d</sup> like to come here,  
that she meditated staying with her brother  
& sister till they sailed, & then visiting Dublin,  
& coming here afterwards. I wrote again to  
embrace with pleasure her proposition,  
but have had no subsequent tidings of her,  
nor have the Webbs. You asked about some  
"doubting Thomases," but I am not aware of  
whom you alluded. The quaker faction of that  
name took fright at the first breath of con-  
troversy "which is contrary to the principles &  
practice of friends"; the Unitarian Thomases  
are sound, & one has recently joined our Co., she  
is a very sympathizing but not a much informed  
ally at present. Mrs. H. Thomas, you know, never  
gets beyond the Boston Bazaar, & no one could desire  
to move her from such a useful post; she still  
swears by Russell, who is going about pitying himself  
for his martyrdom to his "conscientious convictions".

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I take every opportunity of telling people whose  
condolences he is likely to seek, that true abolition  
never want any commendation for being "in the  
flow" as they find the testimony of an approving conscience  
their abundant reward. You also spoke of the Fairbank  
who have lately sent me a copy of their letter to  
Mr Chapman with her replies to the 6 questions  
all entered into a little red book in most business like  
way. (Her former letter) They were scrupulously obe-  
dient to her injunctions about not showing. They  
told me they had copied some portions "to read from"  
that the original might not be injured! They are  
some of the soundest people in the whole Quaker  
community in a slavery matter. I doubt whether  
2 dozen such honest hearts could be found in their  
ranks, & I own I felt great accordance & saw no  
sign of retrospection in their letter. They can only  
help in a quiet way, they are very poor, & if associated  
with our Committee would at once lose their  
Quaker customers on whom they depend for the means  
of living. They have however relations in different  
parts & rectify the Broad Street poison among them  
to the extent of their power. Mrs Child sympathizes  
entirely with us, but her husband would let her  
name be seen in connection with any of our proceedings  
lest his patients sh<sup>d</sup> go to a more orthodox doctor.  
To me get scarcely any help from any body. A Miss  
Howler, a Quaker, who seemed a practical person,  
as well as hearty, went away to live in another town,  
& Miss Godwin who was promising has been absent  
for 6 months. Miss Matthews has conducted herself  
to perfection ever since the Evangelical Alliance affair  
when she <sup>(miss)</sup> happily <sup>(for us)</sup> learned by heart the text "first pure  
then peaceable" which it seems she had hitherto always  
read backwards. but she is too much occupied & too  
much given to poetic composition to trust any work  
in her hands. Two new members Miss Leonard &  
Miss Norris are willing, & fearless, & have good elements

if they could get the needful light & experience.  
but every one is so diffident ~~about~~ <sup>about</sup> I have to do with  
that it takes much longer to put them to anything  
than to do it, & there <sup>have</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>is</sup> much work to be <sup>done</sup> ~~done~~  
this is the instrumentality of our poor little tottering  
machine of a Society, that I could only contrive  
to hold it together just to get this this campaign  
without attempting to stop & render it self-acting.  
This is my chief ambition now, we have started  
some evening reading & working meetings as a sort  
of <sup>training</sup> educational school, but alas here again I  
have to be trainer, that takes more time than is  
yet forth coming. However the final <sup>experiment</sup> ~~past~~ off  
enthusiastically, & another is to be held next Friday  
at Mr Stephens's. The Mass. Reports recent Liberator  
Editor &c. were read last time, & the former with  
Mr Garrison's works, & Uncle Tom's cabin & all the other  
inexhaustible treasures of the Boston box are in brief  
circulation. Mr Stephens overflows with sympathy,  
but is affected with that same aggravating diffidence  
which is the greatest obstacle in our path. My being  
familiar with the things which are new revelations  
to her makes her look on me as a sort of inexhaustible  
repository, & she cosily complements me with the  
assurance that her desire is to sit at my feet & accept  
whatever I may pour forth, which as sitting is not  
the posture for helping on does not console me  
so much as it ought. Mrs Tribe is so desperately  
busy with all sorts of preparations for her daughter's  
wedding, the birth of a grand child, the rearranging of  
family matters that she can only put  
forth a spasmodic effort now & then. When it  
comes however she does not do things by halves

Recently she set upon the editor of the Patriot  
newspaper & gave him such a scolding for never  
lifting a finger in the service of the cause & not  
satisfied with that <sup>our</sup> throwing stones at it, by putting  
<sup>his paper</sup> in pro. slavery reports of abolitionists to proceedings.  
She begged he would <sup>but she</sup> at least let the cause alone if it  
felt no call to help it, & not do mischief, & said it was  
a disgrace to have "religious" papers take sides against  
us & for the M. Advertiser to be the only A. S. paper,  
saying that of course genuine Christians "is" turned  
to that & discard the Patriot. She had a penitential  
copy, & got a resolution our friend Rev. Mr. Burdett was  
stimulated by our appeal be. to move at a Congregational  
Union. We had a very hearty response from another  
these Unions which we have forwarded to America.  
We are happy to find also that our documents have  
stirred up a great commotion at one of the May  
religious anniversaries, about a D. Dyer of Phila  
delphia who appeared as delegate from the American  
S. S. Union on the platform at Exeter Hall. There have  
been such bolts of indignant letters in the M. Advertiser  
from Sunday school teachers who feel persuaded the  
man is pro. slavery, & that the officials of the A.  
S. Union knew it; & they & Mr. Granch are scolding  
away unmercifully, & Mr. W. Brown & Ed. Matthews  
all of us <sup>are</sup> helping show what the Am. S. S. Union is  
& how pro. slavery its English supporters are at heart.  
The sneaky dealings of the Baptist Union have been  
brought out too in this controversy, & altogether  
they find themselves comprehended & exposed to  
a most unpleasant & unexpected extent. I have  
held back from answering your enquiry about  
the F. Will & F. Missions Baptists till the last, <sup>the name</sup> not  
wanting to <sup>any</sup> open our old quarrel in this letter. The  
antislavery secession, the other a doctrine sect  
Calvinistic, the other Driminian, the latter are  
only antislavery in the sense that Quakers are, by  
their Constitution. As we have seen of the inward light  
we <sup>are</sup> <sup>you find</sup> as suffering we study these points before

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